

Springerville Town Council
Minutes
November 17, 2004

Present: Kay Dyson, Mayor, Mary Nedrow Vice-Mayor, Mark Baca, Scott Cray and Pete Hunt

Staff: Scott Garms Town Manager, Val Cordova Town Clerk, Tim Shaffery, Sterling Solomon and Eduardo Coronado Town Attorney's, Chief West, James Hamblin Finance Director and Larisa Bogardus Community Dev.

Public: Phelps and Kay Wilkins, Evelyn Arabie, Betty Amator, Larry Jaeger, Edde Castillo Walter La Valley, Barbara Cook, Fae Husted, Jack Husted, Judy Hayes, Pat Christensen Steve Udall, Jared Udall, Roxanne Knight, Raj Bhakta, and Susan Martin.

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm by Mayor Dyson
2. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman Baca and Invocation by Councilman Hunt.
3. Public Participation:

Citizen Appreciation awards were presented to Fae Husted and Barbara Cook by Mayor Dyson for making a difference to our town and cleaning up the streets almost daily. She explained that this was the first time they awarding this certificate and would continue to recognize special citizens and say thank you.

4. Manager, Council, and Chamber Reports:

Mayor Dyson submitted a written report but announced that the town received notification from Center for Desert Archaeology that we were awarded the Humanities Council grant. This is a planning grant to plan for the future of Casa Malpais and the stabilization issues.

Mr. Garms reported that he and Larisa attended an emergency management meeting. Larisa will be doing the administrative portion of emergency management. The state has hired consultants to work with all the counties to develop a hazard mitigation plan. He will be working with St. Johns, Eagar and Apache to develop this plan.

Our finance director James is busy working with the different departments establishing our fixed asset inventory for the audit which will be completed by the end of November, the audit completed in December.

Mr. Garms advised the council that he would be creating a status list on all the grants for the town for next months meeting. He asked the council how many meetings they would like to have next month and asked that they call him.

Mr. Garms also announced that the traffic light on Main Street and US. 60 will be out for a couple of days next month while ADOT does work on underground sensors and the town crew will be putting new lights on the Christmas tree in front of the post office on Sunday.

5. Minutes: Consider approval of the minutes from the town council meeting held on November 3, 2004 at 6:00pm

Motion by Mary Nedrow/Pete Hunt to approve the minutes of the town council meeting held on November 3, 2004 at 6:00pm.

Vote:	Ayes:	Kay Dyson
		Mary Nedrow
		Mark Baca
		Scott Cray

Pete Hunt

6. Ordinance #2004-019: Discussion and second reading of Ordinance 2004-019 concerning changes in Town Code Chapter 17.12 (Planning and Zoning commission) and Zoning Ordinance Article 1 Section 104 (Planning and Zoning Commission).

An Ordinance of the Town of Springerville, Arizona, amending Chapter 17.12 of the Springerville Municipal Code and Amending Article 1 Section 104 (A) of the Springerville Zoning Ordinance and designating an effective date. Read by Mayor Dyson.

Mr. Garms noted that the primary change is to reduce the number of members from the current seven to five members and establishing a quorum of three (3).

7. Ordinance #2004-019: Consider adopting Ordinance # 2004-019 by reference the public document concerning changes in Town Code Chapter 17.12 (Planning and Zoning Commission) and Zoning Ordinance Article 1 Section 104 (Planning and Zoning).

Motion by Pete Hunt/Mark Baca to approve Ordinance #2004-019 concerning changes in the Town Code Chapter 17.12 (Planning and Zoning Commission) and Zoning Ordinance Article 1 Section 104.

Vote:	Ayes:	Kay Dyson
		Mary Nedrow
		Mark Baca
		Scott Cray
		Pete Hunt

8. Save Our School Committee: Discussion and presentation by the Save Our School Committee.

Susan Martin briefly explained the new funding raising efforts at the intermediate school and how they have combined using math facts with funding raising for the school kids. They are doing a fund raiser that doesn't sell anything but the concept of working together hand in hand and learning the value of service to the community while learning about the history of the community and understand better what life was like for past generations.

Ms. Martin also reported that to date they have \$22,000 in the bank from fund raising.

9. Easement Request: Discussion and action concerning a request for an easement from Jared Udall on Perimeter Road and direction for staff.

Mr. Garms explained that Jared Udall would like to build a house but needs access from the town's perimeter road. He said it is the same area that the Town of Eagar uses to access their well. Mr. Udall would be working with the Town of Eagar and split costs with them for a legal description and survey.

Mr. Solomon advised the council that the town just needs the legal description stating what it will be used for i.e. Ingress, egress, utilities and the types of things it will be used for.

Staff was directed to negotiate the easement.

10. Ordinance #2004-020: Discussion and first reading of Ordinance #2004-020 by reference amending the town tax code by increasing the tax rate on transient lodging.

An Ordinance of the Town of Springerville, Arizona, relating to the privilege license tax; amending the town tax code by increasing the tax rate on transient lodging; providing penalties for the violation thereof; providing for severability and designating an effective date. Read by Mayor Dyson.

Councilman Hunt explained that he had visited with the motel owners in the community regarding the proposed increase in the transient tax and explained that the intention of this tax is to provide a fund in the community to use for economic development, to focus on the positive aspects of our community that may entice people to come here.

He stated that we need to be prepared to reach out and make our community more visible. His proposal is to focus this one percent increase toward an economic development committee made up of some local motel, and restaurant owners, the chamber of commerce and James from the finance department that could help evaluate where this money may be best spent. The taxes collected will be put into a separate account for future planning and marketing of the town.

A consensus was made to reduce the proposed 3% transient tax ordinance to 2% after much discussion by the council and local motel proprietors.

11. Adjournment:

Motion by Pete Hunt/Mary Nedrow to adjourn the meeting at 7:25pm

Vote:	Ayes:	Kay Dyson
		Mary Nedrow
		Mark Baca
		Scott Cray
		Pete Hunt

Kay Dyson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Town Clerk

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Springerville Town Council in regular session on Wednesday, November 17, 2004. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and a quorum was present.

Dated this 19th day of November, 2004

Town Clerk